



## Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

### Goal 12 Targets:

- 12.1) **Implement the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production**, all countries taking action, **with developed countries taking the lead**, taking into account the development and capabilities of developing countries
- 12.2) By 2030, achieve the **sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources**.
- 12.3) By 2030, **halve per capita global food waste** at the retail and consumer levels and **reduce food losses along production and supply chains**, including post-harvest losses
- 12.4) By 2020, **achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals** and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly **reduce their release to air, water, and soil** in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment
- 12.5) By 2030, substantially **reduce waste generation** through **prevention, reduction, recycling, and reuse**
- 12.6) **Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices** and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle
- 12.7) Promote **public procurement practices that are sustainable**, in accordance with national policies and priorities
- 12.8) By 2030, **ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature**
- 12.a) **Support developing countries to strengthen their scientific and technological capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns** of consumption and production
- 12.b) Develop and implement tools to **monitor sustainable development impacts for sustainable tourism** that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products
- 12.c) **Rationalize inefficient fossil-fuel subsidies that encourage wasteful consumption by removing market distortions**, in accordance with national circumstances including by **restructuring taxation and phasing out those harmful subsidies**, where they exist, **to reflect their environmental impacts**, taking fully into account the specific needs and conditions of developing countries and minimizing the possible adverse impacts on their development in a manner that protects the poor and the affected communities

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# Take action toward achieving goal 12

## Take action locally:

- **Congregational actions:** Engage members of your congregation in action either through volunteering, advocacy, exercises, or wider congregational changes.
  - Inquire about recycling at your congregation. Ask if it is possible to purchase bins for recycling paper, plastic, glass, and metal if you don't have a way to do so already.
  - Try to start a compost bin at your congregation where members can bring in organic waste instead of throwing it out.
  - Fundraise to buy reusable mugs for coffee hour instead of using paper or plastic cups.
  - Take your youth group to volunteer with [the Campus Kitchens Project](#) (US only), where you can prepare and deliver food made in high school and college kitchens.
  - Take your congregation on a gleaning trip, where you can visit a local farm or orchard and collect or prepare surplus crops to be distributed rather than thrown out. Some organizations are listed here:
    - The [Society of St. Andrew](#) (Eastern/Midwestern/Southern US)
    - The [Ontario Association of Food Banks](#)
    - [Fruit Share](#) (Manitoba)
    - A [directory](#) of smaller-scale organizations in the U.S. and Canada
      - The [Fraser Valley Gleaners Society](#), not listed above, is a small-scale gleaning near Vancouver, BC.
- **Petitions:** Sign the following petitions advocating for sustainable consumption and production in the U.S. and Canada. Collect signatures at your congregation by booking a table during coffee hour.
  - [Tell Walmart](#) to stop throwing away edible food just because it looks abnormal, contributing to enormous levels of food waste.
  - [Tell the Canadian Minister of Finance](#) to end Canadian fossil fuel subsidies, which encourage the continued growth of the oil industry.
  - [Urge the United States House of Representatives](#) to pass the Food Recovery Act, which would introduce multiple measures to curb food waste in the U.S.
- **Films for screening:** Host a film screening and discussion of any of the following documentaries on sustainable consumption and production in the U.S. and Canada at your congregation.
  - [Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story](#): A documentary made by a Canadian couple who ate only discarded food for six months to emphasize how much good food is wasted in North America.
  - [My Toxic Backyard](#): A film telling the story of a small town's battle for clean water against toxic substances in the ground from an old factory.
  - [Bag It](#): A documentary about a man who decided to stop using plastic bags and investigates the impact of how much plastic America uses.

- **Book club reads:** Consider forming a book club with a few members of your congregation to read and discuss any of the following books on sustainable consumption and production in the U.S. and Canada.
  - [\*\*American Wasteland: How America Throws Away Nearly Half of Its Food \(and What We Can Do About It\)\*\*](#): Jonathan Bloom discusses the causes of food waste in the United States.
  - [\*\*Plastic-Free: How I Kicked the Plastic Habit and How You Can Too\*\*](#): Beth Terry describes her efforts to live without plastic and instructs her readers on how to lower their own plastic usage.
  - [\*\*Drowning in Oil: BP & the Reckless Pursuit of Profit\*\*](#): Loren Steffy investigates how the history and character of the global fossil fuel industry led to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010.
- **NGOs working toward the cause:** Hold a fundraiser or collection plate for any of the following NGOs working toward sustainable consumption and production in the U.S. and Canada.
  - [\*\*The Campus Kitchens Project\*\*](#) saves and distributes uneaten food at high school and college kitchens through student volunteers to feed members of local communities.
  - [\*\*The Society of St. Andrew\*\*](#) collects donated produce from farms across the United States and distributes it to the hungry.
  - The [\*\*Ontario Association of Food Banks\*\*](#) runs numerous programs to make food consumption in the province more sustainable, including encouraging local buying, gleaning unused food, and helping to feed the hungry.
  - (note the list of smaller-scale gleaning organizations under "Congregational actions")

## **Take action internationally:**

- **Petitions:** Sign the following petitions advocating for sustainable consumption and production across the globe. Collect signatures at your congregation by booking a table during coffee hour.
  - [\*\*Urge the governments of the European Union\*\*](#) to mandate that all supermarkets donate unsold food to charity instead of throwing it out.
  - [\*\*Tell the President of Nigeria\*\*](#) to demand that Shell clean up oil spillage in the Niger Delta, which the corporation has been leaving unattended for years.
- **Films for screening:** Host a film screening and discussion of any of the following documentaries on sustainable consumption and production across the world at your congregation
  - [\*\*Crude Impact\*\*](#): A documentary about the role of oil in humanity's history and future.
  - [\*\*TED talk: The Global Food Waste Scandal\*\*](#): Tristram Stuart discusses the problem of edible food being discarded worldwide.
- **Book club reads:** Consider forming a book club with a few members of your congregation to read and discuss any of the following books on sustainable consumption and production across the world.
  - [\*\*Waste: Uncovering the Global Food Scandal\*\*](#): Tristram Stuart journeys the world in an attempt to discover the causes and intricacies of food waste in developed countries and food shortages in developing nations.

- [\*\*Sustainable Tourism\*\*](#): Edited by Rob Harris, Peter Williams, and Tony Griffin, this volume features various discussions of environmentally friendly travelling, its challenges, and its reception worldwide.
- **NGOs working toward the cause:** Hold a fundraiser or collection plate for any of the following NGOs working toward sustainable consumption and production across the world.
  - [\*\*Feedback Global\*\*](#) works to discover and mitigate the causes of worldwide food waste, hosts meals with discarded food, and runs campaigns involving deforestation and animal feed, among other things.
  - [\*\*The Travel Foundation\*\*](#) helps to spread information about the impact of tourism on communities worldwide and to make travel more sustainable and more beneficial to local communities.

### **Further resources on goal 12 and sustainable consumption and production:**

- [\*\*Goal 12 targets and related publications on sustainable consumption and production\*\*](#)
- [\*\*UN facts and figures on Goal 12\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Global Goals images relating to Goal 12\*\*](#)
- [\*\*The UN Development Program \(UNDP\)'s work in achieving Goal 12\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Global Citizen Report\*\*](#) on international progress made to reach goal 12 and the future steps necessary to continue toward its achievement